

(3) (i) Respondents shall select their own answers, except when it is not possible for the respondent to do so.

(ii) In the event that a respondent is not able to select an answer, an observer, such as a family member or friend, may select the answer on behalf of the respondent.

(4) A form that requires identification of individuals by race shall include a separate question about whether a respondent is of Hispanic or Latino origin, with the question preceding the racial category question.

Chapter 459 of the Acts of 1998

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 3 OF THIS ACT, the standards enacted under this Act shall be applicable to a data collection form that is created or revised after the effective date of this Act, and the standards shall be applicable to all data collection forms no later than January 1, 2002.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, THAT THE STANDARDS SHALL BE APPLICABLE TO ALL DATA COLLECTION FORMS FOR SCHOOLS, SCHOOL SYSTEMS, AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION NO LATER THAN JULY 1, 2003.

SECTION [3.] 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1998.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2000.

Approved April 25, 2000.

CHAPTER 92

(House Bill 6)

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance - Coverage for ~~Rehabilitation~~ Habilitative Services for Children

FOR the purpose of ~~prohibiting certain health insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations that provide certain coverage for rehabilitation for certain children from denying certain coverage for certain reasons~~ requiring certain health insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide certain coverage of habilitative services for certain children; specifying that certain habilitative services do not have to be covered by certain entities; requiring certain health insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide notice of certain coverage to its insureds and enrollees; providing for the effect of this Act defining certain terms; requiring the Maryland Health Care